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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Form PTO-1449 and make of record the documents listed thereon. A copy of the International Search Report (English version) issued in the corresponding PCT International Application on October 9, 2001, is enclosed. Copies of references AA to and AE are enclosed.
- 2) This statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified application.

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3) Reference AA is in English. References AB to AE are each accompanied by an English Abstract. References AD and AE are discussed at pages 1 to 5 of the Specification.

4) Reference AA is categorized in relevance category Y (= document of particular relevance as to obviousness when combined with other documents) and references AB and AC are categorized in relevance category A (= document defining the general state of the art) in the enclosed International Search Report. Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).

5) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to the applicants and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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